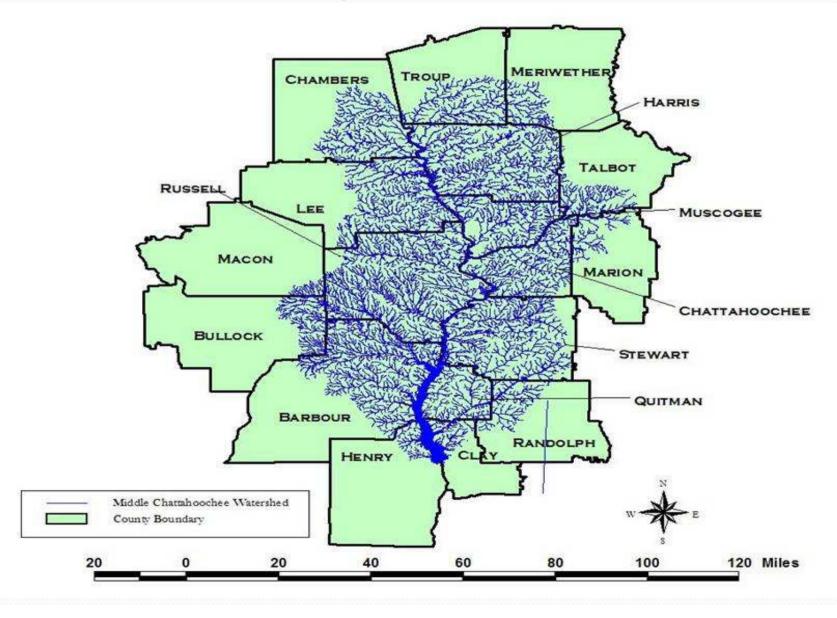
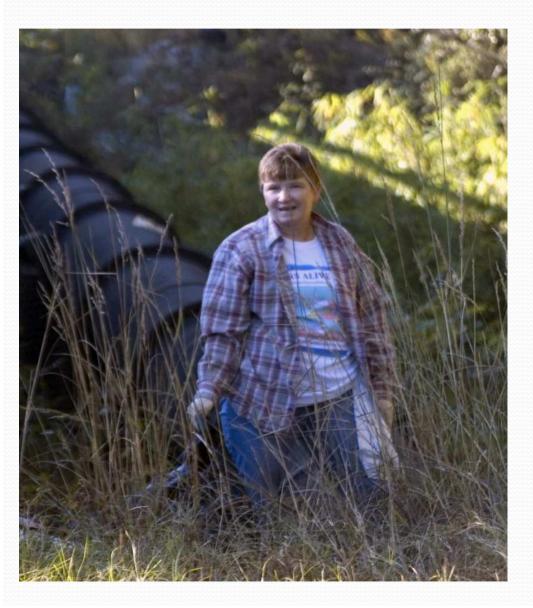
# Help-the-Hooch A Community Outreach & Educational Program



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Environmental Compliance/Water Quality Monitoring
Columbus Water Works

# Where is Help-the-Hooch?





- Community outreach program designed to promote:
  - Beautification by cooperation between:
    - Governmental
    - Academic
    - Municipal
    - Private

- Environmental Preservation
   & Education by:
  - Focusing on the community
  - Promoting a higher standard of living
  - Reducing pollution contributed to the river
  - Involving volunteers from two states
  - Teaching the importance of water quality





#### **Community Partnership**







#### Commitment to our environment









Investment in our future







#### Partners

- Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission
- Oxbow Meadows Environmental Center
- Columbus Water Works
- Columbus State University
- The Chattahoochee River Warden
- Columbus Consolidated Government
- Muscogee County School District
- Part IV, Inc.
- Ft. Benning Environmental
- Business Improvement District
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Chattahoochee Scuba
- Consolidated Resources
- Keep Phenix City Beautiful
- Trees Columbus











- Local Supporters
  - Georgia Power
  - Columbus Consolidated Government
  - Columbus Water Works
  - Pratt Whitney
  - Service Master
  - Complete Facilities Mgt.
  - Hecht Burdeshaw, Architects, Inc.
  - Davis Concrete
  - Columbus Bank & Trust
  - Complete Water Services
  - Rindt-McDuff Assoicates
  - Wade Linen Services
  - Atmos Energies
  - Pound Cometruction
  - Julius Graham
  - Mr. Willie Jackson

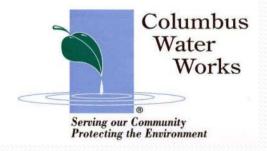














- GA EPD
- Adopt-a-Stream
- "Rivers Alive"





- Volunteers work from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm.
  - Collecting trash
  - Sort for recycling, and brought to designated sights
  - Then its weighed and disposed of.



Site Captains responsible for designated clean-up sites

- Issue equipment (ie. gloves, bags, tally cards, etc.)
- Count volunteers
- Collect tally cards
- Group safety









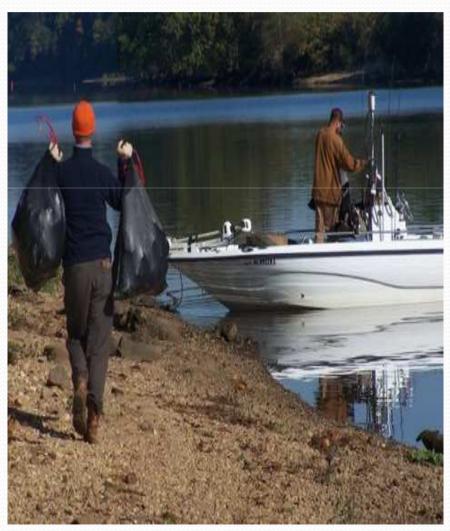














Promotes recycling



Meet after event to eat and discuss the days event



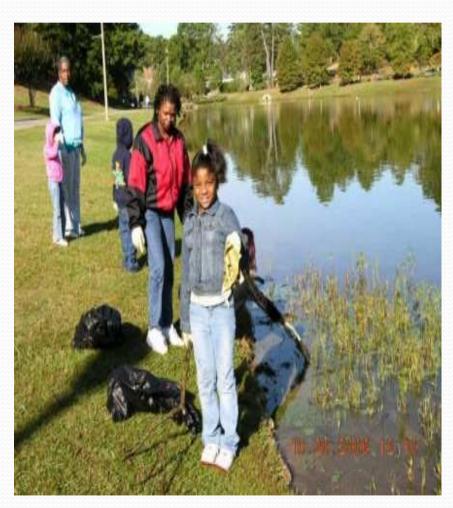


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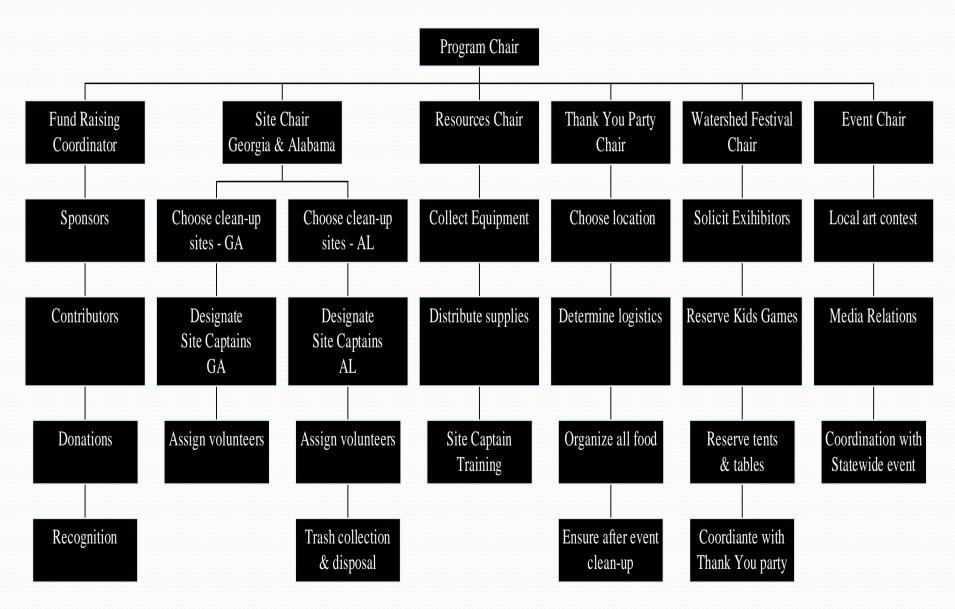


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# Help-the-Hooch Steering Committee Structure



### Help-the-Hooch - First Year

- Started in 1994
- First year barely 500 volunteers
- Focused mainly on the riverfront
- Thank you party at the end



# Help-the-Hooch Then & Now

- 1994 500 Volunteers
- Focused on river
- Raised \$1,200.00
- Committee consisted of 8 members
- 5 Sponsors

- 2011 nearly 10,000 volunteers
- Both GA & AL 16
   Partners
- Focused on all areas including surrounding lakes
- Committee consists of 27 members
- 35 sponsors & contributors
- Over \$12,000.00 in local contributions

- Held from 11:00 pm till2:00 pm
- Games for the kids
- Exhibitors display for the community
- Food and drinks
- Local emergency departments involved
- Prizes and T-shirts

















#### Added Programs

- Recycling Program that now includes Cell Phones, electronic equipment, and household hazardous waste
- Tree Planting
- Annual Photo Contest
- Help-the-Hooch Website <u>www.helpthehooch.org</u>
- Enlisting all Muscogee County Schools to do Campus Cleanups
- Golf Tournament as a fund raiser
- Help-the-Hooch with Your Pooch Poop Awareness Program



#### Help-the-Hooch www.helpthehooch.org 706-653-4008







### Golf Tournament

#### Annual Help-the-Hooch Invitational Golf Tournament

August 27, 2010

Follow me Golf Course Building 390 Baltzell Avenue Ft. Benning, Georgia

www.benningmwr.com/golf



#### **Tournament Schedule**

Registration/Check in11:00 am
Driving Range/Putting Gn 11:00 am
Lunch12:00 pm
Shotgun Start1:00 pm
Team Awards / Door Prizes5:00 pm

Entry Fee \$100.00 per Person Or Four Person Team \$400.00

#### **Great Prizes and Awards**

- 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Teams
- Closest to the Pin
- Longest Drive

Hole-In-One Prizes including a New Harley-Davidson!



#### Sponsorship Opportunity Ocean Sponsor \$900.00

- 4 Golfers in Tournament
- 8 Mulligans
- Hole Sponsorship

#### (River) Hole Sponsorship \$500.00

Hole Sponsorship

#### **Registration Form**

Ocean Sponsor @ \$900.00

River Sponsor @ \$500.00

Company Name\_\_\_\_\_Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_\_State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone\_\_\_\_\_\_Email

Team Registration @ \$400.00 Individual @ \$100.00

Mulligans@\$10.00 (limit 2 each)

#### Payment Information Checks Payable To: KCBC

Gloria Weston-Smart Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission P.O. Box 428 685 Front Avenue Columbus, Georgia 31902

Phone: 706-653-4008 Fax: 706-653-4007

E-mail: kcbc1987@mindspring.com

#### Golf Tournament



#### **Attire**

Ft. Benning Golf Course requires proper golf attire. Golf shirt required, slacks or shorts (hemmed only), no jeans; soft spikes or rubber-soled golf shoes. No outside food, beverage or personal coolers permitted.

#### **Game Information**

4-Person Scramble with a Shotgun Start Prizes will be awarded to:

> 1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place

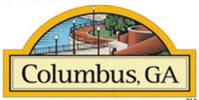
#### **Foursomes**

For convenience, we recommend that you bring a foursome to the tournament. If you are unable to do so, we will assign you to one.

#### Your Registration Includes:

- Green Fee and Cart
- · Lunch /Goodie Bag
- Door Prize Opportunities





What progress has preserved.





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Supporting the Annual Helpthe-Hooch Clean-up and Watershed Festival

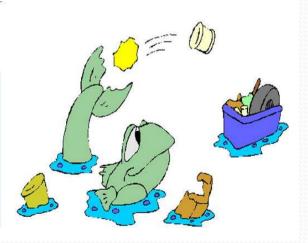
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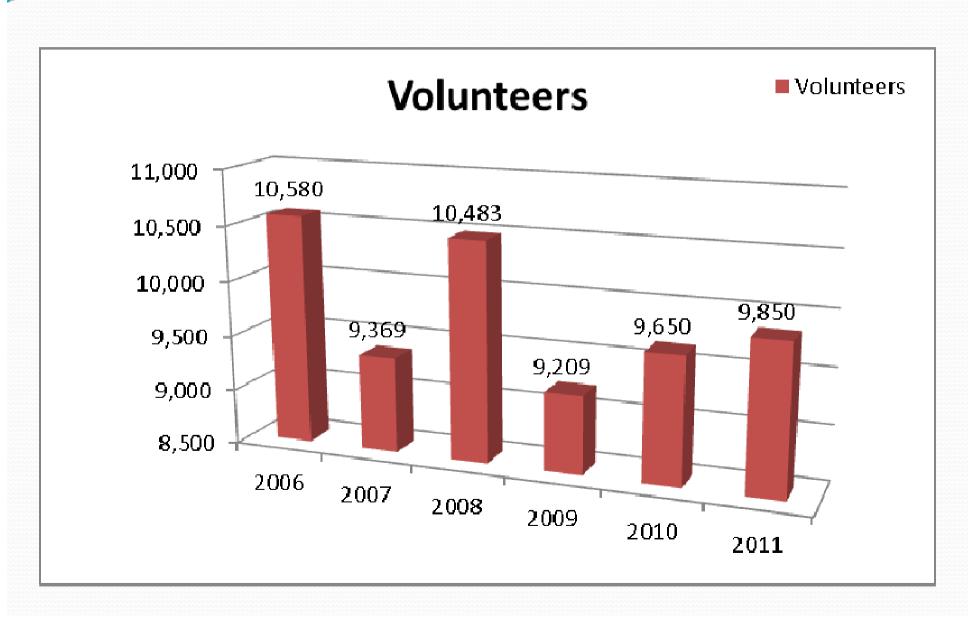
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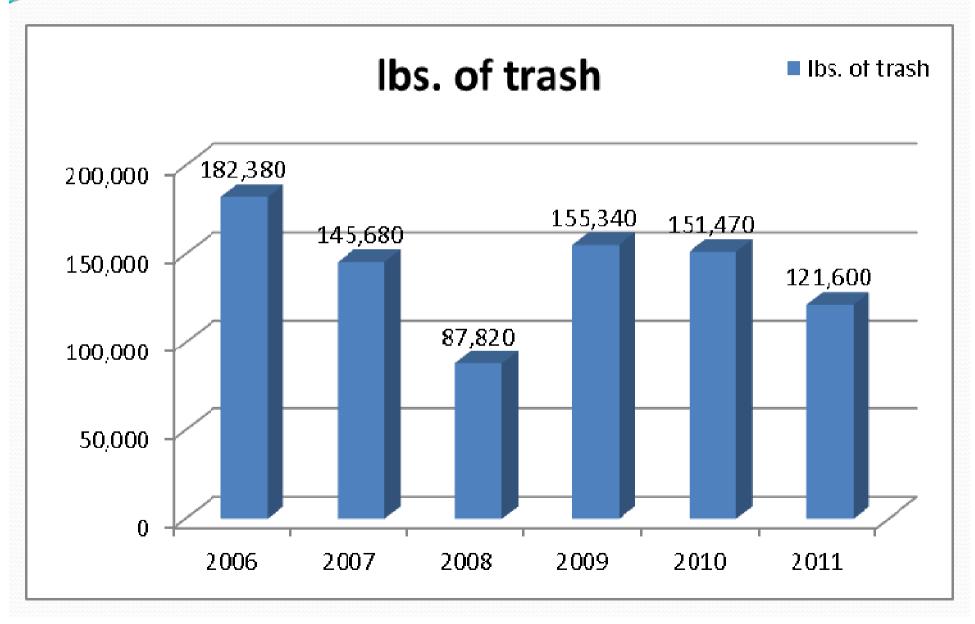
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#### Does it work?



#### Does it work?



### How do you get started?

- Plan a meeting
- Invite groups that could be affected by the program
  - Municipality
  - Local Garden or Beautification Groups
  - Commercial & Industrial
  - City or County Government
  - Local Schools
  - Local Colleges or Universities
  - Other interest groups
- Set dates and stick to them



### Form Partnerships







- Never too many
- Invite everyone
- Sponsors
- Volunteer Groups
- Interest Groups
- Stakeholders
- Local Policy makers
- Elected Officials

# Questions?









